

SCOTTSDALE SENSITIVE DESIGN PRINCIPLES

what is it?

Scottsdale Sensitive Design Principles are a general consensus of community design expectations reached through dialogues with the 1999-2000 City Council, Planning Commission, and Development Review Board.

where does it apply?

who needs to use it?

Citywide

why was it developed?

All participants in the development process, including citizens, policy makers, design professionals, and developers.

key points?

- 1 The design character of any area should be enhanced and strengthened by new development.
- 2 Development, through appropriate siting and orientation of buildings, should recognize and preserve established major vistas, as well as protect natural features.
- 3 Development should be sensitive to existing topography and landscaping.
- 4 Development should protect the character of the Sonoran desert by preserving and restoring natural habitats and ecological processes.
- 5 The design of the public realm, including streetscapes, parks, plazas, and civic amenities, is an opportunity to provide identity to the community and to convey its design expectations.
- 6 Developments should integrate alternative modes of transportation, including bicycles and bus access, within the pedestrian network that encourages social contact and interaction within the community.
- 7 Development should show consideration for the pedestrian by providing landscaping and shading elements as well as inviting access connections to adjacent developments.
- 8 Buildings should be designed with a logical hierarchy of masses.
- 9 The design of the built environment should respond to the desert environment.
- 10 Developments should strive to incorporate sustainable and healthy building practices and products.
- 11 Landscape design should respond to the desert environment by utilizing a variety of mature landscape materials indigenous to the arid region.
- 12 Site design should incorporate techniques for efficient water use by providing desert adapted landscaping and preserving native plants.
- 13 The extent and quality of lighting should be integrally designed as part of the built environment.
- 14 Signage should consider the distinctive qualities and character of the surrounding context in terms of size, color, location, and illumination.

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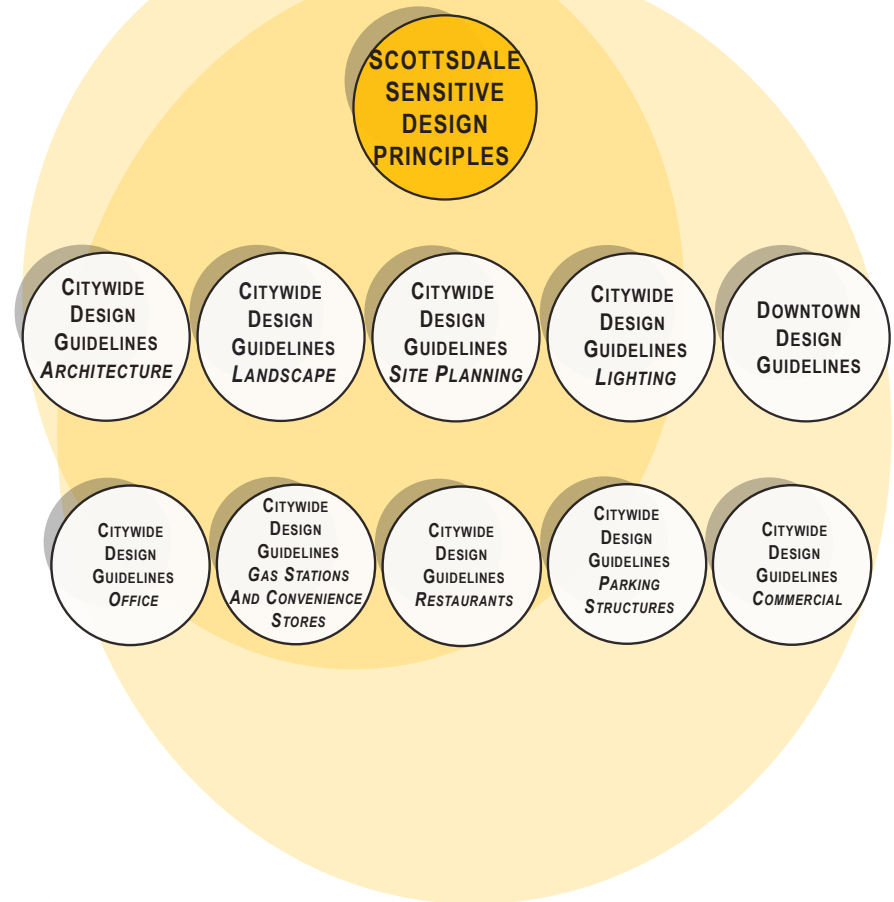
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CITYWIDE DESIGN OBJECTIVES



where is the full policy?

Planning and Design Library - Community Design Studio
Online at <http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/>

references and related documents:

Citywide Design Guidelines (1999-2003)
City of Scottsdale General Plan (2001)
Design Guidelines for Environmentally Sensitive Lands (1992)
Great Sonoran Desert Design Concepts (1996)
Downtown Urban Design and Architectural Guidelines (1986, rev. 2004)